

**EPA and NJDEP Follow-Up Comments on  
TRC's Response Document, dated February 25, 2016  
Work Plan for Ecological Evaluation of the Eastern Drainage Ditch and Rockaway River  
Dayco Corporation/LE Carpenter Superfund Site, Borough of Wharton, New Jersey**

1. Follow-Up Comment for Response 1: The rationale for the original comment, that sample locations (transects) in the Rockaway River should include locations where the highest contaminant concentrations were previously detected, was to ensure that the entire range of concentrations detected would be evaluated. The response provided and the revisions to Table 2 in the work plan do not adequately address this concern. Please provide further explanation on how the proposed sampling locations will provide surface water and sediment data representing the full range of previously detected contaminant concentrations.
2. Follow-up Comment for Response 6: The response indicates that background sampling will include Washington Pond. Washington Pond is a significantly different habitat area (lentic) than the Rockaway River locations (lotic). The sampling report should discuss the potential uncertainties associated with including data from a different habitat.
3. Revised Work Plan, Page 4, Evaluate Surface Water and Sediment: It should be noted that, for the purposes of ecological evaluation, NJDEP considers the 0-6" sediment zone to be the Biologically Active Zone (BAZ).